(b) if so, the details of the traders that have brought disrepute to the country in the matter of exporting inferior quality items; and

(c) the action Government propose to take against them in the matter?;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) The Govt, have noted the newsitem nomenclatured 'Indians send worst goods to Africa', which appeared in 'The Times of India' dated 19th Nov. 1996. While the Confederation of Indian Industry, New Delhi have invited a business delegation from Uganda, no specific complaint from Ugandan importers against Indian exporters for export of sub-standard quantity goods has come to the notice.

Lack of working capital support to Scooters India Limited

2498. SHRI GUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Scooters India Limited is unable to raise the production due to lack of working capital support;

(b) whether Government have been granting non plan loans instead of plan loans; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Scooters India Ltd. (SIL) has been considerably improving its production performance and the production during the current year upto 31.10.% was 9357 3-wheelers as against 6249 3-wheelers in the corresponding period last year. Government has provided guarantee to the Bank in respect of working capital finance for the Company. Government has also agreed to revise SIL in the present set up as per the revival scheme sanctioned by BIFR with necessary cash infusion amounting to Rs. 22.45 crores including Non-Plan support of Rs. 6.20 crores for one time settlement of the dues of the financial institutions, and plan support of Rs. 11.00 crores for investment in plant and machinery and other financial reliefs and concessions.

Welfare schemes for street children

2499. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a prop osal to cover street children under wel fare schemes;

(b) if so, the welfare schemes introduced by Government for the welfare of the street children;

(c) the new schemes proposed to be introduced by the Government; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) The Government is already operating a Scheme for the Welfare of Street Children since 1993-94. Under this scheme grants-in-aid are provided to voluntary organisations working for the care, protection and development of street children upto the extent of 90% of the cost of the project.

(c) and (d) At present no proposal for introduction of a new scheme is under the consideration of the Government.

Revision in rates of royalty on minerals

2500. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the royalty on minerals is being revised once in every three years;

(b) if so, the details of the revisions made during the preceding six years;

(c) the details of the minerals on which the royalty has been revised in different states of the North-East Region during each of the last six years; and

(d) the minerals on which royalty is proposed to be revised during the current year?